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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ARGENTINA FOR
CATTLE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. During the past 8 years, the United States has been free of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).
2. For at least 3 years, the United States has been free of lumpy skin disease, Rift Valley fever, foot-and-mouth disease, and rinderpest.
3. The animals are free of clinical evidence of parasites and infectious diseases, including bluetongue, vesicular stomatitis, malignant catarrhal fever, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), pseudorabies, parainfluenza-3, paratuberculosis, leptospirosis, enzootic bovine leukosis, hypodermatosis, and *Dermatophilus congolensis* (cutaneous actinomycosis). The premises of origin as well as the adjoining premises have been clinically free of the above mentioned diseases for the last 12 months.
4. The animals were vaccinated against IBR on ____ (date) with a killed product ____ (name of product). [Note: the animals should be vaccinated within 6 months of shipment; if the animals are not vaccinated, they must be tested as required under Testing Requirement #8].
5. Heifers pregnant by artificial insemination (AI) were inseminated using semen which met the health requirements of Argentina or those of the Certified Semen Services (CSS).
6. The animals were isolated in a USDA-approved isolation facility for at least 30 days while the required tests were being conducted (the dates of the isolation must be noted on the health certificate).

Note: Livestock with high production of milk that are being milked may be quarantined in their place of residence. There must be no physical contact with other animals. All feed and equipment in contact with the animals must be used exclusively for the animals in isolation. (Also, see item #3 under OTHER INFORMATION)

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were tested with negative results to the following diseases prior to export:

1. Enzootic bovine leukosis: Two agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) tests, 30 days apart, with the second test within 20 days prior to shipment. (See item #4 under OTHER INFORMATION)
2. Bluetongue: Complement-fixation (CF) test negative at 1:5 dilution or AGID test conducted within 20 days of shipment.

The animals were tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days prior to export:

3. Brucellosis:
 - (a) All males and unvaccinated females must be negative at 1:50 dilution on a standard tube (STT) and standard plate (SPT) test.
 - (b) Official calfhood vaccinates (OCV) do not need to be tested if they are less than 15 months of age. Between 15 and 24 months of age, the vaccinated females must be negative at 1:200 dilution on STT and SPT. Over 24 months of age, they must be negative at 1:100 dilution on STT and SPT. [*Note: for OCV's that do not need testing, a certification statement that they are official calfhood vaccinates vaccinated with reduced Strain 19 must be made on the health certificate*].
 - (c) Bulls, if of reproductive age (older than 12 months old) must be tested negative by the semen agglutination test at 1:25 dilution.
4. Tuberculosis: Intradermal caudal fold test using bovine PPD tuberculin.
5. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at 1:400 dilution for *L. canicola*, *L. grippotyphosa*, *L. pomona*, *L. hardjo*, and *L. icterohemorrhagiae*.
6. Trichomoniasis: Culture of preputial smegma or vaginal mucus [Note: no test is required for virgin animals or those that have been AI bred, but these must be certified as such].
7. Vibriosis: Culture of preputial smegma or vaginal mucus [Note: no test is required for virgin animals or those that have been AI bred, but these must be certified as such].
8. IBR: Serum neutralization test at 1:8 dilution; OR AGID test; OR vaccination (See Certification Statement # 4)
9. Paratuberculosis: CF test negative at 1:8 dilution; OR Intradermal caudal fold test using johnin; OR fecal culture (culture can be conducted within 6 months of export).
10. Vesicular Stomatitis: SN test at 1:8 dilution; OR ELISA test

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Females pregnant by natural mating must have a certificate stating that the bull met the import health requirements of Argentina. In this situation, individual health certificates must be issued, listing the health status and tests for both the sire and the female, including the breeding date.
2. The Government of Argentina requires official certification that all movements related to the exportation of the animals have been done in cleaned and disinfected vehicles. (The statement in the space "certification by issuing veterinarian", above block 19 on the VS 17-140, will meet this requirement if cleaning and disinfection

takes place.)

3. The isolation facility may be approved by either Veterinary Services or the USDA-accredited veterinarian.
4. The first leukosis test should be done at least 30 days prior to the second test, and can be done outside of the isolation period. The second leukosis test must be done during the isolation period.
5. Note: Brokers and exporters should be aware that custom and animal health officials in Argentina require that health certificates be bilingual (Spanish and English) or be translated into Spanish at the time of presentation. Area offices, however, should not refuse to endorse health certificates presented in English only. The attached APPENDIX 1 (a bilingual health certificate) may be used for exporting cattle to Argentina.
6. Note: Health certificates to Argentina no longer need to be validated at a consulate office.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

APPENDIX 1

Health Certificate for Exporting cattle to Argentina from the United States

(Certificado de Salud para la exportación de ganado bovino hacia Argentina procedente de los Estados Unidos)

Health Certificate No. _____

(Valid only if USDA Veterinary seal
appears over the certificate No.)

Date issued

(Fecha de expedición) _____

I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Exporting Country: United States of America

País exportador

2. Country of Destination: Argentina

País de destino

3. Issuing Authority:

Autoridad responsable U.S. Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Veterinary Services

4. Name and address of consignor

Nombre y dirección del exportador

5. Name and address of consignee

Nombre y dirección del consignatario

6. Port of embarkation

Puerto de embarque _____

7. Means of conveyance

Método de transporte

Air _____

Rail _____

Ocean _____

Truck _____

8. Animal identification**

Identificación de los animales

Name (if any) Nombre (si tiene)	ID ¹	Breed Raza	Sex Sexo	Age Edad	Other
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**Attach additional pages if needed

¹Registration No., ear tag, tattoo, or other official identification.
Número de registro, arete, tatuaje, u otra identificación oficial.

Health Certificate No. _____

(Valid only if USDA Veterinary
Seal appears over certificate
number)

II. CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

Certificaciones

1. During the past 8 years, the United States has been free of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).
Durante los últimos 8 años, los Estados Unidos ha estado libre de encefalopatía espongiforme bovina (BSE).
2. For at least 3 years, the United States has been free of lumpy skin disease, Rift Valley fever, foot-and-mouth disease, and rinderpest.
Por lo menos en 3 años, los Estados Unidos ha estado libre de exantema nodular de los bóvidos (dermatitis nodular), fiebre del Valle Rift, fiebre aftosa, y rinderpest (peste bovina).
3. The animals are free of clinical evidence of parasites and infectious diseases, including bluetongue, vesicular stomatitis, malignant catarrhal fever, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), pseudorabies, parainfluenza-3, paratuberculosis, leptospirosis, enzootic bovine leukosis, hypodermatosis, and *Dermatophilus congolensis* (cutaneous actinomycosis). The premises of origin as well as the adjoining premises have been clinically free of the above mentioned diseases for the last 12 months.
Los animales están libres de evidencia clínica de parásitos y enfermedades infecciosas, incluyendo lengua azul, estomatitis vesicular, fiebre catarral maligna, rinotraqueítis infecciosa bovina (IBR), seudorrabia, parainfluenza-3, paratuberculosis, leptospirosis, leucosis enzoótica bovina, hipodermatosis, y Dermatophilus congolensis (actinomicosis cutánea). Los predios de origen así como los predios colindantes han estado clínicamente libres de las enfermedades mencionadas anteriormente por los últimos 12 meses.
4. The animals were vaccinated against IBR on _____ (date) with a killed product _____ (name of product).
Los animales fueron vacunados contra IBR el _____ (fecha) con un producto muerto _____ (nombre del producto).
5. Heifers pregnant by artificial insemination (AI) were inseminated using semen which met the health requirements of Argentina or those of the Certified Semen Services (CSS).
Vaquillas preñadas por inseminación artificial (AI) fueron inseminadas utilizando semen que cumplió con los requisitos de salud de la Argentina o de aquellos del Servicio de Semen Certificado (Certified Semen Services-CSS).

Health Certificate No. _____

*(Valid only if USDA Veterinary
Seal appears over certificate
number)*

6. The animals were isolated in a USDA-approved isolation facility for at least 30 days while the required tests were being conducted. The isolation started on or about _____ and ended on or about _____.

Los animales fueron aislados en un establecimiento de aislamiento aprobado por el

USDA por lo menos por 30 días mientras las pruebas requeridas fueron conducidas. La cuarentena empezó el _____, y terminó el _____.

Health Certificate No. _____

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TEST REQUIREMENTS

Pruebas

- | | <u>Disease</u> | <u>Test</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|----|---|--|----------------|
| 1. | Enzootic bovine leukosis:
<i>Leukosis bovina</i> | First AGID test
2nd AGID test | _____
_____ |
| 2. | Bluetongue (<i>lengua azul</i>): | *(A) CF test; OR
*(B) AGID test | _____ |
| 3. | Brucellosis: | *(A) STT and SPT, or
*(B) The animals are official calfhood vaccinates 15 months
old or younger vaccinated with reduced strain 19.
<i>Los animales son terneros menores de 15 meses vacunados
con Vacuna Oficial de Terneros con Cepa 19 reducida.</i>

*(C) Semen agglutination test
(For bulls older than 12 months) | _____
_____ |
| 4. | Tuberculosis: | Date injected _____
Date read: _____ | |
| 5. | Leptospirosis
(<i>L. canicola</i> , <i>L. grippotyphosa</i> , <i>L. pomona</i> , <i>L. hardjo</i> and <i>L. icterohemorhagiae</i>) | Microtiter agglutination test | _____ |
| 6. | Trichomoniasis:
OR | *(A) Culture of preputial smegma or vaginal mucus
*(B) The animals are virgin or bred by AI
<i>Los animales son vírgenes ó han sido inseminados artificialmente.</i> | _____ |

Signature - Accredited veterinarian

Health Certificate No.

*(Valid only if USDA Veterinary
Seal appears over certificate
number)*

Date endorsed and signature
(Valid only with seal over it)